

she often remarks, was, before the war, the freest country in the world to live in, for anyone so equipped They had that freedom They had £1,000 a year It was enough but if it was to provide the things they thought really important, it had got to be carefully expended If secretaries, foreign travel from time to time, country excursions, and aid to good causes were to be covered, high thinking must go with plain living She had years of experience behind her in the administration of a very large income, and the running of very large houses In the choice of an abode now, as in its menage, new standards had got to be applied, and were applied even a touch of the 'discriminating penunousness' of Mrs Potter Unlike most people, they are parsimonious about small comforts for themselves, generous in gifts to others Rent, now, was not allowed to consume too large a proportion of income

41, Grosvenor Road met their requirements It is just inconvenient enough, from the conventional standpoint, and just near enough to some of London's forgotten and forsaken fnnges, to be, for Westminster, relatively cheap Yet it is so near to the Houses of Parliament, and, what was more important at the time, to the headquarters of the London County Council in Spring Gardens, as to give any moderately active person just the right amount of morning exercise by way of a walk

For any patriotic Londoner, the sheer waste of oppor-

tunity presented by our river is truly tragic,  
and nowhere  
more so than in regard to this stretch, right  
in the heart  
of the metropolis There is only one side of  
our Thames  
to walk or drive on, or see from, whereas the  
Seine, like  
any rationally managed river running  
through a great  
city, has two banks, and, even on that one side,  
it is impos-  
sible to pursue an unimpeded course Until  
very recent  
days, anyone who set out to walk westward  
from West-